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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Larry McAllister et al.
Serial No.: 09/690,289 Examiner: Aaron L. Enatsky
Filed: October 16, 2000 Group Art Unit: 3713
Title: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR AN ENHANCED GAMING
DEVICE
Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action of April 23, 2003, and is timely filed with a three-month extension.

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Claims 1-84 are pending in the present application. Claims 1-2, 4-5, 13-20, 22-23, 25-26, 34-44, 46-47, 55-62, 64-65, 67-68, and 76-83 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by Marchini et al. (GB Patent No. 2,251,112). Claims 3, 24, 45, and 66 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Marchini et al., and further in view of Nolte et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,165,070). Claims 4, 12, 34-41, 46, 54, 67, and 75 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Marchini et al., and further in view of Bertram et al. (U.S. Patent No. 5,796,389). Claims 21, 63, and 84 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable in view of Marchini et al., and further in view of Wiltshire et al. (U.S. Patent No. 6,409,602). Claims 1, 21, 22, 42, 43, 63, 64, and 84 have been amended. Claims 85-87 have been added. No claims have been deleted. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims. Applicant respectfully contends that the differences between the claimed invention and the prior art are such that the claimed invention is patentably distinct over the prior art.